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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Official Action dated April 14, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: